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Nicholas Costello Transportation Center

On Monday, July 23rd, the Nicholas Costello Transportation Center in Amesbury opened for business. This building, which is owned by MVRTA , houses the Amesbury Council on Aging, Veteran Services, and Youth Services. Bus routes 51 and 54 provide transportation to the center from Haverhill, Merrimac, Newburyport, and Salisbury. It is also serviced by Special Services' EZ Trans and Ring and Ride vans.

River Road Service

On Tuesday, September 4th, the new Route 76 began servicing a number of businesses in the River Road area in Andover. This bus will provide multiple trips every Monday through Friday between Buckley Transportation Center in Lawrence to hotels and other businesses on Minuteman and Shattuck Roads. The MVRTA along with the Merrimack Valley Transportation Management Association has been promoting the new service throughout the month of September.

Transit Mobility Plan Update

The MVRTA is providing funding to the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission to combine previously prepared Elderly and Disabled Transportation Plans into a Regional Mobility Plan. The plan will update demographic information of the elderly and disabled population, determine the needs of this population both now and in the future, and how the MVRTA public transit system can address their present and future needs.

New Technology Coming Soon!

MVRTA is currently beginning the process of updating its Google Transit information as well as developing a mobile friendly website. This will ensure that passengers have easier access to our information. More details will follow in the next issue of our newsletter.

HOV/BOS Study

There will be more information on the High Occupancy Vehicle/Bus on Shoulder study which was introduced in the second issue of our newsletter in our next issue.

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